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ESPINOSA

ON DECEMBER 15, UN PRESS SPOKESMAN SPOKE ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES CONCERNING THE ABOVE CASE:
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REJECTS THE IMPLICATION IN THE
EDITORIAL IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST THAT THE UNITED NATIONS
HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY VIGOROUS IN PURSUING THE FACTS
SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF MR. CARMELO SORIA ESPINOSA LAST
SUMMER IN CHILE.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS REPEATEDLY MET WITH THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE EXPRESSING HIS DEEP
CONCERN AND HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED A COPY OF THE
AUTOPSY REPORT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL INVE-
STIGATOR. THUS FAR, THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE HAS NOT
RESPONDED POSTIVELY TO THESE REQUESTS. THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL AND HIS COLLEAGUES WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS
MATTER.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DID NOT CONSIDER THAT,
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IN THE NATURE OF THIS TRAGIC CASE, PUBLICITY WOULD BE
HELPFUL. HIS DUTY, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, IS TO
OBTAIN ALL THE FACTS SURROUNDING MR. SORIA'S DEATH.
IN THIS THE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE
IS ESSENTIAL.
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